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drive device selectively moves said movable sub-lens group to one of said movement extremities, and in a second zooming zone of said plurality of variable lens groups extending from an intermediate focal length position to a long focal length extremity, said sub lens group drive device selectively moves said movable sub-lens group to the other of said movement extremities.---

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii), the following is a submission of a "clean form" version rewritten paragraph. Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked-up version of the rewritten paragraph is attached as a page separate from the amendment at the end of this document.

Please replace the first paragraph of page 1with the following paragraph:



The present application relates to the following U.S. Patent Applications, all filed concurrently herewith on September 24, 2001, and all of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entireties: "ZOOM LENS MECHANISM" having Application No. 09/960,309, "ZOOM LENS MECHANISM" having Application No. 09/961,231, "ECCENTRICITY-PREVENTION MECHANISM FOR A PAIR OF LENS-SUPPORTING RINGS" having Application No. 09/960,515, "REDUCTION GEAR MECHANISM" having Application No. 09/960,521, "RING MEMBER SHIFT MECHANISM AND LENS GROUP SHIFT MECHANISM" having Application No. 09/960,518, "LENS BARREL" having Application No. 09/960,382, "LENS BARREL" having Application No. 09/960,520, "LENS BARREL" having Application No. 09/961,185, and "LENS BARREL" having Application No. 09/961,233, "ZOOM LENS BARREL" having Application No. 09/961,185, and "LENS BARREL" having Application No. 09/961,232, each naming as inventors Hiroshi NOMURA et al.